

IT'S JUST PAST MIDNIGHT – Part 1

FORWARD: Introduction to this particular series . . . it started like this . . . It was one night in February that the Lord spoke to me these words, “It’s just past midnight”. When one is awakened in such a way at about 3.30 am, it takes a few moments to become focused. The Lord graciously repeated these words and I asked Him what His emphasis was. His reply to me was a question: “Do you want to know what is happening in this new day?”

“Yes, Lord.”

“Then look at the *'midnights'* of My word”. As I re-read these occurrences which took place **at midnight**, I was impressed to let the Lord show me what He was wanting me to see in them and how each would be a great encouragement to those entering into His new day. . . this seventh day! So open your hearts and allow the Lord to be the Encourager of your walk in this pertinent time.

INTRODUCTION: For us *midnight* is the beginning of a new day. In the spirit God has closed off the 6th. Day and the 7th. Day has begun. Midnight is like being between the ‘old in-part’ day and the ‘new fullness’ day. Previously we have all heard about the time being two minutes before midnight. Such a timing was associated with the expectation of a rapture that would remove God’s people from the earth. As we now know that the Lord has purposed for His plan is for it to be worked out **on the earth**, we can expect the unfolding of that new day to start at midnight.

From the *'contents page'* of the Bible called Genesis chapters 1&2, we can see, as the Holy Spirit teaches us, that God rests on the 7th. Day, because He has brought forth a (many-membered) man on the 6th. Day *in His Image and Likeness* who will achieve His will — as He would do it.

Those who have been apprehended by God to walk in this man, will be enabled to see His vision for this new day and move forward by faith to experience it all fully. Faith is what pleases the Lord . . . the faith of ‘believing to see’. There is a thrill of experiencing the unfolding of present truth in our daily lives: it causes each one to walk in a greater confidence and expectation. What we have previously thought of as future, is now at hand.

As you allow the Spirit to quicken these midnight occurrences, you can expect to find that there will be a coming together with other saints who are also aware of the Lord’s movings and we will walk through ‘Jordan’ on dry ground into the fullness of the Lord. This moving together will not produce cliques but rather an ever-increasing awareness of His ‘greater than me’ move in this hour. At the same time that God’s apprehended ones are *'believing to see'*, most Christians are asleep which is not surprising, for it is quite natural to be so at midnight. However there are many who are awake at such a time and are aware that a new day has begun. It is a pity that some of them do not believe it sufficiently to move into it or identify with the happenings associated with it. They have chosen to wait until the natural daylight comes, so that they can *'see to believe.'*

Because such developments are new and thus have not been seen before, it is encouraging to know that these ten midnight dramas in the word will be confirmations that the 7th. Day has begun and that we are a part of its expression. It is important, of course, not to ‘camp’ there and fail to move into all that is required. Jesus Christ, the Pattern Son, has provided all that we need through His death, burial, resurrection and ascension. He desires to see all come into His image and into His likeness. That was His origi-

nal purpose and, being God, He has not changed it.

The Lord has been *changing us from glory to glory into His image by the Spirit*. The glory of God is manifest whenever one walks in the specific provision of grace and allows the Almighty God to develop that many-membered son, the harvest of the Seed, Jesus Christ. The Lord is delighted when He sees just one of His children receiving just a part of His gift of grace. We are exhorted *not to frustrate the grace of God* which is to stop short of moving into that provision for the total accomplishing of His plan of the ages. To 'camp' along the way is to infer that 'there is no more of God' to be unveiled. The gospel of grace is good news to all men and that mankind will eventually be the true and complete expression of Himself in this seen realm, called earth.

This is a new day in which God accomplishes a new thing. The one who can only see naturally is unaware of its beginning. We are expected by the Lord to be involved with the specific out-workings of this new day. What are these encouragements? We will examine each one by the Spirit in the order that they appear in our Bibles. All things that happened 'back then' are parables to us upon whom the beginning of the 7th. Day has come. *It is just past midnight.*

If one is not really familiar with the scriptures referred to in the following excerpts, then it is recommended that one takes the few minutes to refresh oneself with them as well as the context.